

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: October 12, 2004

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:13 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Jackie Nytes, Chairwoman
Vernon Brown
Becky Langsford
Lynn McWhirter
Lincoln Plowman
Joanne Sanders
Steve Talley

Absent Members

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 569, 2004: approves transfers of \$74,700 in the 2004 Budgets of the Department of Executive and Legislative and the Department of Administration for the purpose of paying increased fleet costs and payroll costs associated with a 27th biweekly pay period, and also reducing appropriations in other areas in order to increase the Consolidated County Fund balance by a net amount of \$1,630,600

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, October 12, 2004. Chairwoman Jackie Nytes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Becky Langsford, Lynn McWhirter, Lincoln Plowman, Joanne Sanders, and Steve Talley.

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Barbara Lawrence, City Controller, said the City has a technical amendment to offer to Proposal No. 569, 2004 (Exhibit A, see attached). She said this is a change in the Internal Audit agency: the charge should have been made from character 3 as opposed to character 2. Ms. Lawrence said they had received notification from the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) that the assessed values in the City and County have changed. The impact of this change will be in reductions of revenues that were available to the City. Ms. Lawrence said on the City side the amount of reduction is \$5.4 million. As a result they implemented a number of cost cutting measures in the amount indicated in Proposal No. 569, 2004. Ms. Lawrence said other committees will have similar proposals introduced, and the overall reduction the City is requesting the Council to approve is \$5.4 million.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Sanders, to amend Proposal No. 569, 2004 as per Exhibit A. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Chairwoman Nytes asked for clarification in the reduction of some of the departments' budgets. Ms. Lawrence said some of the budgets have increases in character 1 to help the smaller departments meet the 27th pay. In all instances funds have been transferred from other characters within that agency's budget, as opposed to going to fund balance to obtain the funds. Chairwoman Nytes asked if all the reductions were discussed earlier in the budget process. Ms. Lawrence replied in the affirmative. Jeff Seidenstein, Budget Manager, Controller's Office, stated these reductions were not specifically identified on a line; they were calculated as part of line 2. Chairwoman Nytes asked if the Council will see additional reductions. Ms. Lawrence replied in the negative.

Councillor McWhirter did some math of her own and stated with these figures there was a \$54,000 difference in the budget. She asked where this amount in the budget is going. Mr. Seidenstein said the \$54,000 difference is the increase in character 1. In the ordinance they show the break down of the increases and decreases to make sure they match each other. Mr. Seidenstein directed the committee to Exhibit B (see attached), where a recap of the total amount of change by character is given. The \$1,630,600 is a reduction in appropriation and an increase in the fund balance.

Councillor Sanders moved, seconded by Councillor Talley, to send Proposal No. 569, 2004 as amended to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried with a vote of 7-0.

Chairwoman Nytes said at the upcoming meetings there will be two briefings, one on the County’s Personnel Study and the other on the Township Assessors’ Property Assessment Software.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Nytes, Chairwoman
Administration and Finance Committee

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